

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 393 – Death Certificates (LSB 1883HV)

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Description

House File 393 allows an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) to sign a death certificate unless there is a non-natural cause of death. In the case of a non-natural death, a physician is required to sign the death certificate. The Bill requires the ARNP to be licensed in Iowa, to have been in charge of the deceased patient's care, and to have completed a special training course approved by the Department of Public Health (DPH) regarding the completion of a death certificate.

Background

- Current law permits only a physician to sign death certificates.
- There is not a training course available in the State to train ARNPs on the completion of death certificates.
- There are currently 1,993 licensed ARNPs in Iowa.

Assumptions

- The DPH will develop, implement, and track the trainings for the ARNPs on the completion of death certificates.
- Additional staff (1.5 FTE positions) will be required to develop and administer the training course. Staff will be hired approximately two months into the fiscal year.
- Existing data entry staff will be used to develop and maintain an electronic data system to track the trainings provided to ARNPs and those professionals that are able to legally complete death certificates.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of **House File 393** is an estimated increased cost to the General Fund of \$96,000 for FY 2012 and \$113,000 for FY 2013.

Sources

Department of Public Health
Iowa Board of Nursing

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17** and the correctional and minority impact statements were prepared pursuant to Code **Section 2.56**. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
